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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 2518

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (SIKES, ROBERT L.F.)
SUBJECT: CODEL SIKES

1. CONGRESSMAN SIKES ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AFTERNOON AUGUST 13 AND DEPARTED MORNING AUGUST 14. DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT HE MET WITH DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. HE EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF FACT THAT MORE SENIOR EGYPTIANS WERE ALL ON SUMMER VACATION IN ALEXANDRIA OR OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

2. SIKES TOLD EGYPTIANS THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY IN DISAGREEMENT WITH USG VETO OF MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ALSO TOLD THEM THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE CONGRESS WAS BECOMING MORE OBJECTIVE ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND LESS UNCRITICAL IN ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT US OIL INTERESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD WERE AT STAKE AND USG SHOULD DO SOMETHING TO BREAK THE MIDDLE EAST IMPASSE, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IMPOSITION OF PRESSURE ON ISRAEL WOULD BR VERY DIFFICULT POLITICALLY FOR THE CONGRESS.
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3. NATURALLY ENOUGH, EGYPTIANS RESPONDED WARMLY TO CONGRESSMAN'S VIEWS. THEY MADE LITTLE EFFORT, HOWEVER, TO RECEIVE THE CONGRESSMAN AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND USINT HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOE CO-OPERATION FOR HIS VISIT.
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